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MARION FOR GOOD ROADS

Senate Bill No. 845 Endorsed in Mass Meeting Called by Governor Roberts

Bill Unsatisfactory in Variety of Ways, but Not Opposed for Sake of At Least Trying to Get Good Roads in Tennessee

Marion county endorsed the good roads movement Monday at Jasper in mass meeting, to be paid for by a tax on motor vehicle horse power as per the provisions of Senate bill No. 845, which is figured to pay off bonds with accrued interest at 4 1/2 per cent. in the next 20 years.

Meeting in accordance with the Governor's proclamation was held at 1 o'clock, and was called to order by L. P. Brewer, County Judge, who was made chairman, and the news paper men present, Minnie of the Hustler, and Hill of the News, were elected secretaries.

The bill was read by S. H. Alexander. It is a very lengthy document, reciting all the points of the previous 30c h. p. bill, and failing to specifically state just where these points ended and the new points involved began. However at the end of the verbose document a resume of all previous Acts of Legislature is made and the words "are hereby repealed" are inserted, and hence somewhere in the document a mass of junk after being patiently listened to had to be ignored so as to get at the real law.

The bill provides, apparently, for every conceivable emergency, and if followed to the letter, should build roads. However, this remains to be seen, and it is earnestly to be hoped that everything will come out all right, though several who voted for the measure are rather "shaky" about it, but the slogan now seems to be "anything for good roads," and bankrupting the state is not a consideration. It is supposed to take effect Jan. 1, 1920, though it nowhere says so, and in fact says "it shall take effect from and after its passage." The taxes imposed by the Cameron law, in this county, it is said, will stand for this year, accompanied by another "tobacco tag."

A committee largely representing South Pittsburg and the Dixie Portland Cement Co. brought in a report in a remarkably short time after being appointed, endorsing the law and it was voted "unanimously" and without discussion. In fact the report of the committee was "short circuited" in a way, as the usual parliamentary practice is to place report of committee before house first, discuss it, and vote on the measure after discussion. However no one discussed it, as some didn't understand the intricacies of the law on a mere reading, and a non-owner of an automobile said he did not think it any of his business.

A poll showed about 50 automobile men present, and about 100 other persons including the members of the county court, many of whom did not vote, a few farmers, some of whom did not vote, and a few ladies who by the Governor's call were unqualified to vote.

The following were appointed to attend the Nashville convention over the same matter where delegates from all the counties will meet: A. L. Roberson, A. R. Hall, A. R. Pryor, D. Y. Conatzer, J. P. Gillen, J. J. Dykes, G. Sherman, S. H. Alexander, A. A. Cook, S. L. Rog-

ers, or any other Marion County citizen as a delegate whether present or not.

The News representative voted for the bill for the sake of the roads, although he is not very sanguine of getting the hard-surfaced roads so very soon. As usual lots of surveys will be made and miles of grading done to wash out in a winter. Road building by the bond route is a slow and expensive proposition, and fattens the financier invariably while the per cent. of good road obtained is limited.

The News wanted a straight gasoline tax, and is still of the opinion that it is the best method of raising the fifty millions. The present number of automobiles in Tennessee is 68,000. If these cars averaged only one gallon gasoline a day a 10c tax per gallon would give \$6,800 per day or \$2,482,000 per year, which would provide for the 50 millions in 25 years, and sooner if there was an increase in the number of cars. If the average consumption was 1 1/2 gallons daily of the 68,000 cars the 50 millions would be raised in 16 years. But they say we are to have over 100,000 cars in Tennessee in the next few years, and the amount would be raised quicker with no bonds or interest as an afterthought. This tax should be placed on the bulk gasoline of oil companies owning wells or shipping gasoline into the state, who of course would pass the tax on to the consumer.

Moreover, the horse power tax is not just to the car owner who can use his car only in a limited way and he really pays for the road use of the man who uses his car every day.

The matter of horse power rating is also going to raise trouble and prove unjust. There is contention over the system of rating automobile engine power even now, there being a factory rating and an automobile engineer rating. So sell your Ford and buy one of those "big" cars with small horse power. Manufacturers of that class of car can always truthfully say their "taxes are less."

And the "tourist" will wear out the roads for nothing. His carfare is handed him on a golden plate. The gasoline tax would make this fellow help pay for roads he wears out as much as anyone.

The News wants good roads as much as any one but it has got weaned from the bond method of getting them.

LATER—Reports from newspapers are that the bill was killed in the Senate, 22 senators having banded themselves against it. Senator Cameron, the practical author of the bill, however, is reported as saying it is endorsed by the majority of the counties and will pass. A new bill, on better lines, we understand is being prepared.

Wants Remedy For Forest Fires

In renewing his subscription Isaac Brown, of Tracy City, says:

"The recent cold weather has killed the peaches on the mountain, and somebody keeps the forest fires going when it gets dry enough to burn, destroying the berries, timber and game. How can it be prevented?"

The only way is to watch for the fire and under provisions of state law you can notify your constable to summon the citizens and go and put it out. If he refuses he is liable for indictment, and if the citizens refuse to go with him they are liable for indictment for refusing to aid an officer. This is the only remedy we know of, as fools will set the woods on fire.

Mrs. Delia Noland died at Pomonas, aged 68.

Subscribe for the News.

The First Miracle

(John 2:1-11.)

In His own native land, the loved Galilee,
Where Jesus was always delighted to be,
At Cana occurred a wedding and feast,
The disciples and Jesus attended as guests.

And Mary, the mother of Jesus, attended;
The wine was exhausted before the feast ended,
So Mary told Jesus no wine was on hand,
And told all the servants to obey His command.

Then quickly He called all the servants to Him
And had them fill six jars to the brim.
With water so pure, so sparkling and bright,
And it all turned to wine to the servant's delight.

And they drew out some wine for the governor to test.
And he quickly decided the last was the best;
Then he said to the bridegroom, "The custom has been
To use the best wine when the feasting began.

But I see you, today, have the custom reversed,
For in the beginning you gave us the worst."
This, the first of many miracles He
Performed during life, was in Galilee.

—J. B. Tygart.

Crisp, Texas.

Special to the News.

After so long a time I will try to write a few lines from this part of Texas.

All the talk is oil. We are going to have a test well put down in our neighborhood.

Farmers are behind with their farming. It rains so much. Wheat and oats look well. Corn is coming up nicely. I went to Ferris, Texas, yesterday and the wheat and oats are fine. More grain planted this year than has been since I have been in Texas.

I am sorry to hear "Lone Star" is going to leave us. "Lone Star," I would be glad if you would make me a visit before you leave Dallas.

I noticed a letter from Saylorville. This is a new place to me. "Sunflower," tell me where that place is. Write again, for I love to read your letters. I see lots of my kind-folks names.

Come on, "Old Lazy," for I love to read your letters. I think I know you.

Write again, Sister, Nettie, of Flat Rock, Ala., for I enjoy reading your letters.

I haven't heard from J. B. Dame since I sent him a bushel of sweet potatoes. He said he wanted them to bed out, but I am afraid he has ate them. I think I will go to see Jim before long.

I would love to see a letter from T. S. Bracken. Come on, Tom, and give us a good long letter. Let us hear from all the good writers.

D. M. Dame.

Wouldn't Sell Poor Farm Tract

County court met at Jasper Monday with a full attendance of squires. The proposition to sell the ridge land in the rear of poor house, which contains valuable deposits of white gravel was defeated. Some day that gravel will be screened and washed to rid it of clay and spread on the highways of Marion. It is too valuable to sell, and the court very properly defeated the movement.

A feature of the session was the turning in of \$440 in justice court fines, accumulated since Sept. 1, 1918. Quite a number of pauper cases were considered, and several added to the list for outside aid.

Eastland.

Special to the News.

This seems to be moving day. Sherman Fields has moved to the country. Several others are moving from place. I never could see anything in roving around so much. It keeps one all the time getting used to the people.

W. H. Bellis has gone to South Pittsburg to move his family to this place.

Frank Crawford has moved to Pikeville to his farm, which is very wise of him. There was a good many men left the farm two years ago and came to the mines at this place and other places. We suppose to keep out of the Army.

I with several others went to Ravenscroft the first of the month to a celebration of the eight-hour day, and as we could not get a train, took walker's train. Some of the readers may know what train that is. Well, as we did not know the direct route we were sometimes in the road and sometimes in the sticks.

Well, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., we arrived at our destination. We took in the celebration and had dinner with our friend, John Miller. Then took walker's train to De Rossett, a distance of two miles and at 2:30 p. m. boarded the passenger back home, safe and sound.

We attended the Odd Fellows' Lodge Saturday night, and after some degree work was done, someone said "supper time." The baskets and paper sacks were opened up, and the good things were spread. About thirty men ate to their satisfaction.

Ezell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lowry died Tuesday of heart trouble. She was twelve years old. She was a good girl and will be missed in the home and by her friends.

Edgar Ables and Mrs. Millie Sims were married Thursday evening Rev. C. H. Nash officiating.

Chas. Girdley, Jr., has the whooping cough.

J. G.

W. J. Loyd died at Bridgeport from influenza.

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S. B. PATTON ANSWERS CALL

Death of Civil War Veteran at Jasper Comes Very Unexpectedly.

S. B. Patton, for years a resident of this county, died Saturday evening, March 29, at his home in Jasper after an illness of only two days. He was seventy-five years of age, having been born Feb. 4, 1844. Mr. Patton was taken ill Thursday at his home, but no one of his friends or family thought it serious. Friday when he was visited by relatives gathered in Jasper for the birthday celebration of his kinswoman, Mrs. Barbara Raulston, he was found apparently comfortable. But a turn came for the worse, and he succumbed on Saturday, as stated above.

Mr. Patton had an active life. At one time he lived in Chattanooga where he was well known and had many friends. For a number of years he has lived at Jasper where he enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He was an honorable Christian gentleman, and his death removes from the county one of her best citizens. He was a Federal soldier, having served throughout the Civil War in the 5th Tennessee Union cavalry. He was a member of Post 53, G. A. R., and of the Christian church in Chattanooga.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Mary Raulston Patton; three sons, John E., of Chattanooga; R. B., of Douglas, Ariz., and S. A., of Virginia; three sisters, Mrs. R. C. Powell, Mrs. L. R. Lucas and Mrs. S. W. Raulston, all of So. Pittsburg, and one brother, Alex. Patton, of South Pittsburg.

The funeral services were conducted by Elder Hill, of Chattanooga, and interment followed in the Patton cemetery, So. Pittsburg.

Quite a number of old soldiers were present at the funeral and burial and held ritualistic practice according to their practice.

Odd Fellows to Have Banquet

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of their order, April 28, with a program and supper at Dunlap. The following is the program:

Welcome Address, J. H. Richards
Song, "America"

Prayer, Rev. Gray
Song, Rev. Gray
Address, Joe Minton
Address, J. C. Boyd
Song, Dr. J. S. Shoff
Song, Dr. J. S. Shoff

Program will be followed by supper.

History of the Great World War

Rev. James A. Greening, who has recently recovered from a prolonged illness, is now out again and beginning the sale of history of the great World War. This book is one of most complete and authentic histories of the great war, published by the Universal Book and Bible House, Philadelphia, Pa., and he is meeting with a ready sale of this history. Rev. Greening has the exclusive right to sell this book in the valley and will continue its sale as fast as he can reach the people. He is a superannuated minister of the M. E. Church, south, and has preached to the people of Pikeville many times and has many friends who are glad to assist him in buying this book. He is now making up an order for May delivery and if you want the best work on the market of the complete history of the world struggle, you will do well to see him at once. —Bledsonian, Pikeville, Tenn.

Mr. Greening is expecting to visit this section of the valley soon.

Richard City.

Special to the News.

Cloudy weather is the order of the day.

Miss Jannie Rea Dobbins was visiting Sunday school at the Baptist Church.

Dr. Gillen made a long and nice talk at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Carl Lehr has returned from the hospital at Chattanooga after having had his eye taken out. His wife has returned home after visiting her mother at So. Pittsburg.

Mrs. Bratcher, of So. Pittsburg, has returned home from having a severe operation of the head at Chattanooga.

Mr. and Mrs. Shadrick and their granddaughter, Lillie Mae Alton, from Jasper, visited their daughter, Mrs. Jim Alton Sunday.

Harrison and Annie Bratcher, of So. Pittsburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lehr.

Miss Stella Nelson, of Richard City, spent Sunday with her half brother, Gilford Kilgore, and her grandmother.

Miss Ruby Cagle, of Richard City, was seen with Laurence Waters Sunday.

Mrs. Holland and children, Rabie, Clyde and Frank.

Bernice Smith, from Bridgeport, is visiting her sister at this place.

Come on, "Old Lazy," and J. W. Dame, with your pious. Guess.

Hoping to Sail.

From Foster V. Powell, who is with the American Expeditionary Forces in France we have the following card. He is a former resident of Whitwell: "How is everybody in old Marion. There have been a great many deaths there since I left. I hope to be sailing before long, but it may be July before I sail."